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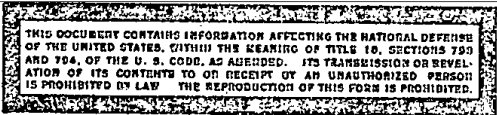
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Garrisoned People's Police (Kasernierte Volkspolizei) (KVD)
North Army Group (Armeegruppe Nord) Organization

1. The North Army Group of the People's Police has staff headquarters at Pasewalk. As of 16 September 1952 the cover designation of the North Army Group was "Unit 4000" (Einheit 4000). The group consisted of about 120 men. VP-Chefinspekteur Hermann Rentzsch was the leader of the army group, and VP-Chefinspekteur (fnu) Neitsch was the deputy political and cultural leader (PK). 50X1-HUM

2. The North Army Group had under it the following key units: KVD Torgelow, KVD Eggesin, and KVD Prora, Rügen, which is thought to be an independent group. The following is the North Army Group district: 50X1-HUM

all units of the former Land Mecklenburg except Prora
Rostock
Schwerin - Sternbuchholz
Torgelow
Eggesin
Prenzlau
Pinnow (probably)

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3. Karpin, the Chaussee Uckeründe-Altwar, and Waldgebiet form the supply dumps of the North Army Group. The central munitions dump for the group is located in Wolfsmühl near Gransee. 50X1-HUM

KVD Torgelow

4. The following information has been reported concerning the key unit at Torgelow:

I. Location: Northeast of Reichsstrasse 109 in the rectangular area formed by Sandförde, Karpin, Torgelow, the Randow River, Jägerbrücke, Rüdershorst, and Miesenbrücke. A tent cantonment in the wooded area. 50X1-HUM

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II. Types of Units (Truppengattungen)

A. Infantry Regiments:

Location: Above described area

Organization: 2 infantry divisions (6 regiments with 18 battalions of 650 men) 2/

Strength: about 12,000 men

Armament: army pistols, Russian, manufactured 1951
 K 38 (carbine), Russian, with folding bayonet
 machine pistols, Russian, drum (Trommel)
 HMG, Russian, Maxim
 LMG, Russian, drum (Teller)
 HMG, Russian, 12.6 mm.
 light mortars, Russian, 52 mm.
 medium mortars, Russian, 81 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 122 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 152 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 57 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 45 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 76.2 mm.

Comments: The regiments are fully armed. It is planned to motorize the units.

B. Artillery Regiment:

Location: Jägerbrück-Uhlenkrug area

Estimated strength: several thousand men

Armament: AA guns, German, 88 mm.
 HMG, Russian, 12.6 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 76.2 mm.
 light field howitzers, Russian, 122 mm.
 self-propelled gun mounts (assault gun)
 AT rifles
 flame throwers - 6 (mounted on two-wheel mounts)

C. Heavy Tank Regiment:

Location: Spechtburg; belongs logistically to Eggesin, former tank training section (Panzerlehrgang) of KVD Erfurt

Strength: 1,000 men

Additional Formations: AAA company (against ground attack planes)
 technical procurement company (workshop trains)

machine pistol section

Armament and Equipment: 60 T 34 tanks, 40 tons

self-propelled gun mounts (track-laying vehicles)

D. AAA Regiment:

Location: Kuhlennorgen area

Armament: AA guns, German, 88 mm.
 AA guns, Russian, 37 mm.

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3. Communications Battalion:

Location: Pasewalk, in the North Army Group staff caserne
(Object II of KVP Königswusterhausen
Niederlehme [redacted])

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4. AT Section (Abteilung)

Location: Hammer area

Strength: 500 men

5. The following additional formations were assigned to the KVP
Porgelow from the KVP Prenzlau, which was dissolved:

- 1 light tank regiment (with 78 T-34 tanks)
- 1 AT artillery and AT unit (Panzerjägerabteilung)
- 1 reconnaissance section (Abteilung)
- 1 engineer battalion

These units are located in the Stallberg-Kuhlmorgen-Hammer-Jaegerbrück
area.

KVP Eggesin

6. The following is a break-down on the key unit stationed in Eggesin:

- I. Location: Northeast of Richsstrasse 109 in the area formed by
Reumühl, Holländerei Gumnitz, Eggesin, Hoppenwalde
[redacted], Ucherründe, Bellin 3/4, Warsin, Aitwarp
[redacted], Luclow, Rieth [redacted] Vorsee, Ahlbeck
Gegensee, and Jaegerbrück; in wooded area
"Düsterbusch"

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II. Types of Units (Truppengattungen):

A. Infantry Regiments:

Location: Eggesin-Holländerei Gumnitz-Gegensee-Ahlbeck
area

Organization: 1 infantry division (3 regiments with 9
battalions of 650 men) 4/

Estimated strength: about 7,000 men

Additional formations: 1 AT artillery battalion

1 light field howitzer battalion

1 heavy mortar battalion

1 medium mortar section (Abteilung)

1 machine gun company

Armament: army pistols, Russian, manufactured 1952
K 38, Russian, with folding bayonets
machine pistols, Russian, drum (Trommel)
LMG, Russian, drum (Teller)
HMG, Russian, Maxim
HMG, Russian, 12.6 mm.

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light mortars, Russian, 52 mm.
 medium mortars, Russian, 81 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 122 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 152 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 57 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 45 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 76.2 mm.
 light field howitzers, Russian, 122 mm.

Comments: The infantry regiments are fully armed.

D. Artillery Regiment:

Location: Luckow-Warsin-Altwarps area

Strength: unknown

Armament: heavy field howitzers, Russian, 122 mm. (heavy guns 152 mm. and 172 mm. are to be delivered)

G. Light Tank Regiment:

Location: Neumühl area, three kilometers south-west of the Eggesin Main Object

Strength: 1,200 men

Additional Formations:

AAA company (against low-flying planes)
 technical procurement company (workshop platoons)
 machine pistol section (Abteilung)
 headquarters platoon (Führungszug)
 QM company (Wirtschafts-Kompanie)

F. Heavy Tank Regiment:

Location: Karpin area

Strength: about 900 men (courses of instruction for tank commanders and gun pointers)

Armament: Stalin II tanks)
 T 34 tanks } 60 tanks in all
 T 43(sic) tanks)
 self-propelled mounts for 76.2 mm. guns
 armored scout cars
 ammunition prime movers

H. AAA Regiment:

Location: Altwarps area

Strength: about 700 men

Armament: AA guns, Russian, 37 mm.
 AA guns, German, 88 mm. (heavy Russian AA guns are being delivered)

I. Medium Mortar Battalion:

Location: Altwarps area

Strength: unknown

~~G. Tank Engineer Battalion:~~

Location: Karpin area

Strength: about 700 men (former unit from KVD Kuechensee)

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II. Main Object (Hauptobjekt), KVD Eggesin

Organization:

Division Staff
 Baking Company
 Motorcycle Rifleman Battalion
 Central Armory
 Central Vehicle Repair Shops (for repair of track-laying vehicles)

I. Central Engineer Depot

Location: Kuchensee

KVD Prora/Rügen

7. The following information has been reported concerning the unit at Prora/Rügen:

I Location: The former IdF (Kraft durch Freude) (Strength through joy) resort between Prorer-Wiel and the Kleiner Jasmunder Bodden. There is a tent cantonment from Heidehof to the Kurhaus Prora west of the highway Binz - Neu-Mukran

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II. Organization:

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A. Infantry Regiments:

Strength: presumably three infantry regiments, about 2,500 men per regiment

B. Artillery Regiments:

Location: KdF resort building (Hochhaus) and tent cantonment

Strength: probable three artillery regiments; 900 to 1,000 men per regiment 2/

C. Tank Regiments:

Location: IdF resort building and tent cantonment

Strength: probably three tank regiments; regiment school for tank commanders, drivers and gun pointers; about 900 to 1,000 men per regiment 2/

D. Other Formations:

Reconnaissance Section (Abteilung)
 Engineer Battalion
 Heavy Mortar Battalion
 AAA Regiment
 AT Section (Abteilung)
 Communications Battalion

E. Total Armament of KVP Prora:

Army pistols, Russian, manufactured 1951
 K 38, Russian, with folding bayonet
 machine pistols, Russian, drum (Trommel)
 LMG, Russian, drum (Teller)
 HMG, Russian, Maxim
 HMG, Russian, bipod
 light mortars, Russian, 52 mm.

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medium mortars, Russian, 81 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 122 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 152 mm.
 heavy field howitzers, Russian, 152 mm.
 AT artillery, Russian, 76.2 mm.
 light field howitzers, Russian, 122 mm.
 AT artillery, Russian, 57 mm. (recently manufactured)
 AAA, Russian, 37 mm. (outrigger type gun mount; exchangeable barrels so 45 mm. can be used; combination sights, which can be operated optically or electrically; a new delivery of 18 pieces from the USSR for use by the Arty and AAA regiments)
 self-propelled gun mounts, Russian
 armored scout car, Russian
 T 34 tanks
 T 43 (sic) tanks
 Stalin III tanks
 ammunition prime movers, British
 complete engineer and blasting equipment
 32-tube rocket launcher (Stalinorgel), recently arrived

P. Estimated strength of entire KVD Prora: 18,000 to 20,000 men.

8. Supply of Weapons and Ammunition

8. The central munitions dump in Wolfersruh, the site of the former Wehrmacht munition dump, is responsible for furnishing the individual KVP units with ammunition of all calibers. All ammunition is shipped from the USSR to Wolfersruh where it is armed (Schärfen) by VP men at the installation and then delivered on order to the central armories of the KVD units. As long as members of the North Army Group remain in tent cantonments, the arms will be stored partly in Soviet installations and partly in the old VP installations.

9. There are about 3,000 People's Police stationed with the "Ring um Berlin"; these soldiers have at their disposal about 25,000 rounds of carbine ammunition and about 10,000 rounds of Russian machine pistol ammunition.

[redacted] a proportionate amount of ammunition is available to members of the KVD units.

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10. The following is a list of the weapons which are at the disposal of the KVD units:

Russian army pistol, manufactured 1951, 7.62 mm.
 K 38, Russian, with folding bayonet, 7.62 mm.
 machine pistols, Russian, drum (Trommel), 7.62 mm.
 LMG, Russian, drum (Teller)
 HMG, Russian, Maxim
 HMG, Russian, 12.6 mm.
 light mortars, Russian, 52 mm.
 medium mortars, Russian, 81 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 152 mm.
 heavy field howitzers, Russian, 172 mm.
 heavy field howitzers, Russian, 152 mm.
 light field howitzers, Russian, 122 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 76.2 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 45 mm.
 AT guns, Russian, 57 mm. (recently manufactured)
 AA guns, German, 88 mm.
 AA guns, Russian, 37 mm.
 AA guns, German, 20 mm.
 heavy mortars, Russian, 122 mm.
 T 34 tanks
 T 43 (sic) tanks
 Stalin II tanks
 Stalin III tanks
 32-tube rocket launcher (Stalinorgel), recently delivered
 armored scout cars
 self-propelled gun mounts (for 76.2 and 122 mm.)
 ammunition prime movers, British

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complete engineer and blasting equipment
 AT rifles
 flame throwers (on two-wheel mounts)
 SIS trucks, with diesel motors, capable of traveling cross-country
 heavy caterpillar tractors
 ordnance trains (Werkstattzüge) in the sense of the former I-Staffeln
 personnel carriers, with motor in the front and the rear, capable of
 traveling cross-country

11. The artillery regiment of the Prora KVD has the following weapons:

27 medium mortars, Russian, 81
 12 heavy mortars, Russian, 122
 18 AA guns, Russian, 37
 15 AT guns, Russian, 57
 18 light field howitzers, Russian, 122
 6 flame throwers, Russian

12. During the second party conference it was decided to create new uniforms for the IVP, the Border Police (Grenzpolizei), and the People's Garrisoned Air Police (Kasernierte Volkspolizei-Luft) (KVPL). Eight to ten models were suggested. The IVP have a khaki uniform modeled after the Russian uniform. The uniforms are being manufactured by the textile firm "Fortschritt", Greifswaldstrasse, Berlin NE, and Berlin-Weissensee. Politically reliable tailors are working day and night shifts at the Main Object of the IVP in Berlin-Adlershof finishing up the uniforms.
13. The uniform of the KVPL is of greyish-blue material. The pants are long and provided with a broad red braid, and the coat is double breasted. The uniform is worn with a white shirt, black tie, black low top shoes (Halbschuhe), and, presumably, a white cap. No belt is worn. The shoulder boards are broad as on Soviet uniforms, and instead of a collar patch the air force swallows (Luftwaffeschwalben) are worn. This uniform is already in stock at the KVPL post in Kamenz. There was talk of issuing the uniform, at least to officers, for the "Day of the Republic", 7 October 1952.
14. A good many members of the DfD (Dienst für Deutschland) (Service for Germany) have already been put to work building winter quarters (Winterfeste Unterkünfte) for the North Army Group.

The KVPL

15. The following are some of the leading personnel of the KVPL, which has headquarters at Berlin-Johannisthal:

Director:	VP Generalinspekteur	Heinz Kessler
PK Chief:	VP Inspekteur	(fnu) Franke
Chief of Staff:	VP Chefinspekteur	Heinz Zorn

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16. The following are the installations (Objekte) of the KVPL

KVPL Kamenz (Object I)

to be made an OCS on 7 October 1952 50X1-HUM

KVPL Kamenz (Object II)

parachute training

KVPL Bautzen (formerly the Husarenkaserne)

function not known

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IVPL Cottbus

parachute training

IVPL Pirmas

presumably radio operator training

There are two more installations about which Source could give no information.

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